Rules for Pakistani Nationals visiting India

117. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have recently announced stricter rules for Pakistanis visiting India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of Pakistani visitors have not gone back to their country even on the expiry of visa period in the past few months;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(e) the number of such Pakistani visitors missing in the country and also the number of such persons who came on fake visas; and

(f) the concrete steps taken to search such persons and to deport them to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) A system of pre-verification for Pakistani visa applicants has been introduced with effect from January, 2002.

(c) to (e) 10,266 Pakistani national are reported to be over-staying, out of which 2321 are reported missing as on 31.10.2002.

(f) State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been asked to launch special drives to detect and deport all foreign nationals including Pak nationals illegally staying in the country. Powers under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners' Act, 1946 for detection and deportation have already been entrusted to them.

Restriction on movement of Pakistani Nationals

118. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to restrict the movement of Pakistani Nationals to three Indian cities only;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Pakistan has taken any reciprocal step in this direction and if so, the details thereof?